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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3292

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1. DURING CALL BY PRC BASKETBALL TEAM, PRESIDENT MARCOS
ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE PRC-GOP DIPLOMATIC RE-
LATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED SOON, STATING PRESENT SITUATION
INEXORABLY LEADS TOWARDS NORMALIZATION RELATIONS BETWEEN
PEKING AND MANILA.

2. MARCOS PRAISED MAO TSE-TUNG'S ACHIEVEMENT IN LEADING
TOGETHER CHINESE PEOPLE, ONCE FRAGMENTED AND COLONIZED
BY ALIEN POWERS. HE CHARACTERIZED PRC AS PEACE LOVING
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AND SAID GOP LOOKS TO PRC FOR INSPIRATION AND

SUPPORT OF LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVES OF OBTAINING ITS OWN
DESTINY THROUGH SELF-RELIANCE.

3. BOTH PRC AND TEAM ACTIVITIES DURING SCHEDULED
APRIL 30 - MAY 10 VISIT AND MARCOS' STATEMENTS ON
GOP-PRC RELATIONS HAVE RECEIVED VERY HEAVY PLAY IN CONTROLLED
PRESS.

4. COMMENT: NO FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN ON TIMETABLE FOR
NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST POWERS AND IT NOT
YET CLEAR THAT RECENT VISIT HAS SUBSTANTIALLY ADVANCED
THIS PROCESS. EMBASSY DOES NOT READ MARCOS' COMMENTS ON
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS "SOON" AS MEANING SUCH RELATIONS
IMMINENT. RATHER, WE SEE HANDLING OF TRIP AS CONTINUING
PROCESS OF SOFTENING UP PHIL PUBLIC OPINION FOR EVENTUAL
RECOGNITION PRC AND USSR. WHILE WE ORIGINALLY BELIEVED
SOME MEMBERS PRC DELEGATION TO BE PRC OFFICIALS CONCERNED
WITH FOREIGN POLICY, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE CONFIRM THIS
SUPPOSITION. ESTIMATED 3,000 CHINESE RESIDENTS MET PRC TEAM AT
AIRPORT. TICKETS TO ALL GAMES IN PRESENT TOUR SOLD OUT IN
ADVANCE. CHINESE WELL REPRESENTED IN CROWD AND CHEERED ON PRC
TEAM. IF GOP ACCEPTS SUCH MANIFESTATIONS AS EVIDENCE
FUTURE LOYALTIES LOCAL CHINESE, END RESULT TOUR COULD
BE TO GIVE GOP FRESH PAUSE BEFORE OPENING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH PRC.
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